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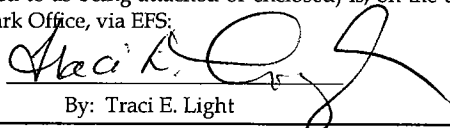
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Examiner Schwandron:

Please enter the following, on the record, in response to the Office Communication mailed January 17, 2008. The communication indicates that the Applicants did not provide an "... identification of the claims encompassing the elected species, including any claims subsequently added." The Applicants' disagree. Nonetheless, without acquiescing to the Examiner's argument but to further the prosecution, and hereby expressly reserving the right to prosecute the original (or similar) claims, Applicants have provided, starting on Page 2, indicating the status of all pending claims (i.e., Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, & 8). This amendment is made not to acquiesce to the Examiner's argument but only to further the Applicants' business interests, better define one embodiment and expedite the prosecution of this application.

For the Examiner's convenience, the previous response is resubmitted without change.